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Col. Juergens
takes command
of 6th ASG



Brandon Beach

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Garmisch and Stuttgart join cities throughout the United States with "National Night Out" events to promote community safety.



Thorns 'n Roses

From community submissions

Roses to:



Herman Hurd, financial counselor with Stuttgart's Army Community Service, for his professionalism, dedication and sincere and caring attitude.

The Stuttgart community is greatly enriched by Mr. Hurd's presence, and he embodies the definition of "First Choice" customer service.

Cal at the Patch Commissary, for his great smile and willingness to help customers (no matter how fussy we may be). I should have written this long ago, but shopping at the commissary is so much better because Cal is there.

Mike Lopez of the 6th ASG Information Technology office, for offering nothing less than consistently superior customer service.

I am always impressed with the efforts of all the IT personnel, but Mr. Lopez quite simply sets the standard when it comes to customer service. He is a tremendous asset to our community.

The 6th ASG Chaplain's Office staff members and all the volunteers who made Vacation Bible School such a tremendous success. The children of our community would miss out on this tremendous opportunity were it not for the generous efforts of so many individuals. Thank you all!

Lee Muslin, general manager of AAFES in Stuttgart, for her continuing efforts to upgrade the facilities and service available on our installations. We in the military community are usually quick to complain when AAFES fails to meet our expectations – and we should be just as quick with compliments for the dedicated people like Ms. Muslin who are working to improve AAFES (and enhance our quality of life).

E-mail comments to citizen@6asg.army.mil or fax them to 421-2570/civ. 0711-729-2570.

Thoughts on leadership

With permanent-change-of-station and change-of-command season upon us, it's safe to say that many service members and civilians will be either leading or being led by someone new in the not-too-distant future.

Thus, we dedicate this opinion page to the concept of leadership: what the "experts" of yesterday and today have said about the subject, and how members of the Stuttgart military community define leadership excellence.

The day Soldiers stop bringing you their problems is the day you have stopped leading them. They have either lost confidence that you can help them or concluded that you do not care. Either case is a failure of leadership. (Gen. Colin Powell)

No person can be a great leader unless he takes genuine joy in the successes of those under him.
(W.H. Auden)

If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader.
(John Quincy Adams)

I START WITH THE PREMISE THAT THE FUNCTION OF LEADERSHIP IS TO PRODUCE MORE LEADERS, NOT MORE FOLLOWERS.
(RALPH NADER)

The person who knows "how" will always have a job.
The person who knows "why" will always be his boss.
(Diane Ravitch)

A leader is most effective when people barely know he exists. When his work is done, his aim fulfilled, the troops will feel they did it themselves. (Lao-tze)

Leadership is a combination of strategy and character. If you must be without one, be without the strategy.
(Gen. H. Norman Schwarzkopf)

YOU MANAGE THINGS.
YOU LEAD PEOPLE
(REAR ADM. GRACE HOPPER)

ONE MEASURE OF LEADERSHIP IS THE CALIBER OF PEOPLE WHO CHOOSE TO FOLLOW YOU.
(DENNIS A. PEER)

One of the true tests of leadership is the ability to recognize a problem before it becomes an emergency.
(Arnold H. Glasgow)

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ON THE STREET

What qualities make a great leader?

– Compiled by Antonio Brunetti



Michael Troupe
(Civilian)

Experience. Having done the job yourself, and knowing your peers.



Staff Sgt. Michael Dodson
(6th ASG PMO)

Getting to know their Soldiers personally and understanding their needs.



Bob Gambert
(Retiree)

Respect, recognition and loyalty. Leadership goes from top to bottom.



Kathleen Shives
(Civilian)

Knowing and understanding the people you are leading.



Harvey Allen
(Retiree)

Being concerned about the welfare of your troops and knowing their needs.



Samantha Pulte
(Civilian)

The ability to listen and to make decisions under pressure.



Derek Gruber
(Student)

Having the perseverance to push forward with what they believe is right.



Dr. Harvey Lum
(Dental Clinic)

You have to know your people.



Representatives from a number of agencies involved in the project to bring a new AAFES shopping complex to Panzer Kaserne participate in a ceremonial groundbreaking July 29.

Ground broken for AAFES shopping center on Panzer

Story & photo by Christine Castro

The impending appearance of additional construction equipment on Panzer Kaserne will be a welcome sight for many military shoppers – as the activity will indicate that plans for the much anticipated AAFES Shopping Center are finally coming to fruition.

The project took a significant symbolic step forward with a groundbreaking ceremony July 29.

“Today marks the beginning of the construction of the facility that will contribute greatly to the welfare of Stuttgart’s service members and their families who live and work here,” said AAFES Europe Vice President Joe Gafrita.

“We are dedicated to improving the quality of life wherever you serve in support of [service members] and their families,” Gafrita said.

‘Long overdue’

“This is long overdue,” said Col. Gwedolyn Bonéy-Harris, former commander of the 6th Area Support Group, during the July 29 event. “We are so blessed and fortunate to be doing this today.”

Panzer resident Pamela Barnes was one of a number of community members who expressed their enthusiasm for the effort to turn the shopping center from concept to reality.

“It will be much better to be able to shop in more calm atmosphere and it will be really good to have everything in one place,” Barnes said.

Options and convenience

The shopping center will be a “state-of-the-art facility with ‘one-stop shopping’, all under one roof,” said Lee Muslin, general manager of AAFES, European Command Exchange.

The facility will encompass a combined PX/PXtra, Power Zone, Sporting Goods Store, TKS Telephone Services, Alterations Shop, Barber Shop, Beauty Shop, Willie Geck, Käthe Wohlfahrt and Trophy Shop, Muslin said.

Hungry shoppers will also have a selection of dining options – including Charly’s Steakery, Popeye’s and Anthony’s

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Lee Muslin
AAFES

Pizza. The Subway and Baskin and Robbins will remain on Patch Barracks, Muslin said.

The shopping center will occupy more than 140,000 square feet near the new Welcome Center – which was the first of many facilities to be relocated to Panzer. Community members will also have the added benefit of easy parking, as 640 spaces will be available outside the new center.

Well worth the drive

In addition to the construction of the shopping center, plans also include moving Community Bank, Service Credit Union, the VAT Office, Army Community Service, Red Cross and other services onto Panzer.

Implementing the community center concept means that residents will be able take care of a wide range of needs in one easy to access location, said Jim Grady, deputy director of the 6th ASG Directorate of Public Works. “The five-mile drive from Patch Barracks will be well worth it,” he said.

Construction on the shopping center was set to begin in mid-August, with completion expected the 2006 holiday season. “We will do anything and everything we can do to ensure that the shopping center will be completed by the holidays next year,” Muslin said.

News & Notes

CYS fees to increase Sept. 1

For the first time in three years, fees for Child and Youth Services programs and activities are set to increase in Europe. For more information see page 13.

Area closures, changes

- The **Community Health Office** has moved to the Stuttgart Health Clinic’s room 134 on Patch Barracks. For more information call 430-7122/civ. 0711-680-7122.

- The phone number for the **Stuttgart Eye Clinic** has changed. To schedule an appointment call 431-2002/03/civ. 07031-15-2002/03.

- The phone number for the Total Maintenance Stuttgart **Help Desk** has changed. To request work orders call 430-HELP or 430-4357/civ. 0711-729-4357.

- Stuttgart’s **civilian veterinarian** will be unavailable Aug. 15 to 26. To obtain a health certificate during this time, make an appointment with the military veterinarian by calling 431-2681/civ. 07031-15-2681.

Job Fair on Patch Barracks

The Stuttgart Community Job Fair is Aug. 25, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., in the Patch Community Club. All U.S. identification cardholders will have the chance to explore career opportunities in Stuttgart. Attendees will be able to meet with nonappropriated fund and appropriated fund program managers, NAF Contracting, volunteer agencies and corporate representatives from major U.S. military contracting firms. For details call 430-7176/civ. 0711-680-7176.

Red Cross job announcement

American Red Cross is seeking a motivated individual with organizational skills to join their team as a full-time, temporary Field Office Assistant. Resumes must be submitted by August 26 to the ARC office in building 2949 on Panzer Kaserne.

For more information contact ARC at 431-2812/civ. 07031-15-2812.

CYS soccer summer camp

Improve your *fussball* skills with the Child and Youth Services’ Soccer Summer Camp.

Join members of the Patch High School girls soccer team for two sessions – Aug. 23 to 25, 5 to 7:30 p.m. (for ages 6 to 9) and Aug. 27 and 28, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (for ages 10 to 15).

Cost is \$15 for the first session and \$30 for the second.

Youth must be registered with the CYS Central Registration office to participate.

For more information call 431-2616/civ. 0711-680-2616.

School announcements

- The Robinson Barracks Elementary School’s **parent orientation meeting** is Aug. 18, 7 p.m., in the school gymnasium. For details call 420-7112/civ. 0711-819-7112.

- Patch High School **band students may check out a school-issued instrument** Aug. 24 and 25, 3:30 to 5:30 p.m., in the PHS Forum. Students must pick up a DoDDS instrument agreement form and have a parent or guardian sign it ahead of time to be eligible.

For details e-mail gary.kelb@eu.dodea.edu.

- Registration has begun for **Central Texas College’s 1305: Emergency Care Attendant First Responder** class Aug. 22 to Oct. 14.

This 3-credit-hour course trains students to provide emergency medical care outside of the hospital to victims of sudden illness or injury using minimal equipment.

For more information call 431-2580/civ. 07031-152-580 or visit the Panzer Education Center in building 2948.

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**ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT
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IN STUTTGART.**



The new commander of the 6th Area Support Group, Col. Kenneth G. Juergens, accepts the unit colors from Installation Management Agency Europe Region Director Russell Hall during the 6th ASG's Aug. 5 change-of-command ceremony on Kelley Barracks.

— ‘A talented & highly qualified leader’ — Juergens moves from USAREUR to take helm of 6th ASG

Story & photo by Hugh C. McBride

Col. Kenneth G. Juergens officially took command of the 6th Area Support Group with an Aug. 5 ceremony on Kelley Barracks's Cooper Field.

"I am confident the Army has provided the 6th ASG with a talented and highly qualified leader," said Russell Hall, director of the Installation Management Agency Europe Region, who served as the host of the command-change ceremony.

The new commander's military career "reflects the talent and dedication of a proven performer," Hall said. "I know that he will be a determined advocate for Stuttgart, and he will not rest when there's more to be done."

A great organization

A graduate of the U.S. Military Academy, Juergens comes to the 6th ASG from Heidelberg, where he served for the past year as assistant deputy chief of staff for U.S. Army, Europe. Though he is a newcomer to the Stuttgart military community, Juergens said his time in Heidelberg allowed him to form a positive impression of his new home.

"I have heard only great things about the 6th Area Support Group," Juergens said. "You have a marvelous reputation and I intend to build on that during my tenure. I consider it a great honor to command this organization."

A career logistician and combat service support officer, Juergens said he believes his background in tactical and strategic operations has prepared him for success in base operations — and is consistent with the 6th ASG's operational philosophy.

"I have been serving customers all my life, as well as being a customer of garrison organizations," he said. "I really like the 6th ASG's 'first choice' program for customer service ... [and] I look forward to building on the tremendous progress you have all made in these past years."

'Honesty, loyalty, service'

During a meeting with 6th ASG personnel shortly after he took command of the organization, Juergens outlined his command philosophy and discussed the standards to which he holds himself and his subordinates.

"The values that I wholeheartedly embrace are honesty, loyalty and selfless service," he said.

With base operations often demanding innovative ideas to exceed customers' expectations, Juergens said

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6th Area Support Group

he expected candid, solution-based input from members of his organization.

'Extremely proud'

In addition to bringing a wide range of military experiences to his position at the helm of the 6th ASG, Juergens also adds an international flavor to the organization.

The son of a German father and a Scottish mother, Juergens was born in Canada. The family moved to the United States when the future commander was two years old.

"I tell you this because it is important that you know that I absolutely love my country," Juergens said. "My family chose to become Americans, and we are extremely proud to be Americans. I share those small-town values of love of country, loyalty and service to the nation."

Experience & Education

Commissioned into the Ordnance Corps in 1982, Juergens's previous assignments have included stints with the 4th Infantry Division, 10th Mountain Division, 25th Infantry Division, U.S. Army Recruiting Command and U.S. Southern Command, as well as his most recent posting with USAREUR.

In addition to his bachelor's degree from West Point, the commander has also master's degrees in Business Administration and National Security and Strategic Studies.

For more information about the 6th Area Support Group visit www.stuttgart.army.mil.



file photo

A wealth of activities and opportunities in Stuttgart — ranging from low-impact to high-intensity — will be on display during the Aug. 27 CARE Fair.

CARE Fair 2005

Annual event to highlight area opportunities

By Hugh C. McBride

Readers Advisory: If your idea of a perfect day in Europe involves sitting on your couch and staring at your television, do *not* read this article (and whatever you do, don't go anywhere near the Patch Community Club Aug. 27).

From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the last Saturday in August, Stuttgart's annual Community Activities Registration and Education Fair will bring representatives from dozens of clubs, agencies, organizations and activities to the Community Club. Sponsored by Army Community Service, the purpose of the CARE Fair is twofold: to inform community members about the wealth of opportunities available in Stuttgart, and to get them involved.

"Come to the Fair ready to sign up and participate," said Keita Franklin, acting director of Stuttgart's ACS. "The representatives will have all the information you need, and will be ready to register you for whatever classes, clubs and activities interest you."

With more than 50 organizations scheduled to attend, the event isn't only for newcomers to Stuttgart, Franklin said. "I've been learning a lot about our community just by talking with the groups who want to attend — so I know even long-time residents will benefit from the Fair."

For details call 430-7176/civ. 0711-680-7176.

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SF Soldiers honor fallen colleague

Training facility named in honor of Master Sgt. Christopher Keith

Story & photos by Christine Castro

Members of Stuttgart's special forces community gathered near Panzer Kaserne July 28 to honor the memory of a fallen colleague who, they said, personified the honor to which all great Soldiers aspire.

Master Sgt. Christopher J. Keith was memorialized by fellow members of the 1st Battalion, 10th Special Forces Group (Airborne) during a ceremony that featured the dedication of a training facility in his honor. Keith died June 27 after collapsing while participating in physical training activities.

During the ceremony, in the Böblingen Local Training Area near Panzer Kaserne, a plaque was unveiled dedicating the building as the "MSG Christopher J. Keith Close Quarters Battle Training Facility."

Never forgotten

"I was personally thankful because he made my job easier," said Capt. Jeffrey Toczylowski of the 1/10 SFG (A).

Toczylowski said he wanted to say something during the service in honor of Keith, but when he sat down to write it out, he was unable to find appropriate words. Instead of a speech, Toczylowski said, he decided to write a letter to his friend, which he read during the memorial ceremony.

"You were going down the right path, not the path of least resistance," Toczylowski read. "Be our 1-10 guardian angel. Watch over us and guide us. And most importantly, watch over our families while we are gone. You will be truly missed and never forgotten. Your buddy, Jeff."

Keith's widow, Kelley, attended the ceremony accompanied by her aunt. "It means a lot to me to see that there is something that he will be remembered by, to carry on his legacy," she said.

In addition to the July 28 ceremony in Germany, Keith was also honored with two services in the States.

Keith's funeral was held July 7 in Fayetteville (N.C.) Memorial Cemetery, and a memorial service was held the following day in the Sand Hills State Veterans Cemetery in Spring Lake, N.C.

A decorated hero

Keith was recognized several times throughout his military career for superior service both on- and off-duty. His decorations include the Soldier's Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, the Joint Service Achievement Medal and the Army Achievement Medal.

In 2003, Keith received the Vanguard Award for Heroism from Sergeant Maj. of the Army Jack Tilley rescuing a drowning man while vacationing with his family.

The Vanguard Award is presented annually to one service member from each of the uniformed services. The award is bestowed upon those who have performed heroic acts on or off duty that resulted in the saving of a life or the prevention of serious injury.

"There's something special that makes you become a Soldier," Tilley said during the 2003 award ceremony in which Keith was honored. "It's about doing the right kinds of things, and here's a person that knows the right things to do not only in war, but in peace-



Members of the 1st Battalion, 10th Special Forces Group (Airborne) bow their heads while the invocation is given during a July 28 battalion memorial ceremony in honor of Master Sgt. Christopher J. Keith.

It was quite appropriate that this facility was named after him.

He was an outstanding and professional Soldier.

Maj. Mark Childs
1/10 SFG (A)

time. He is a true hero, and he is an outstanding noncommissioned officer."

A rare honor

Though many Soldiers leave legacies of distinction, only on rare occasions are they honored with the dedication of a military facility. In fact, U.S. Army Europe Supplement to Army Regulation 1-33 codifies this tradition, stating that "Only the most deserving individuals should be memorialized."

To those in attendance July 27 – and to the individuals within the 1/10th SFG (A) and 6th Area Support Group who saw to it that the dedication was possible – Keith was clearly deserving of the honor.

"It was quite appropriate that this facility is named after him," said 1-10 SF Executive Officer Maj. Mark Childs.

"The training facility was designed specifically to train [Soldiers] in the elements that Master Sgt. Keith led," Childs said.

"He was an outstanding and professional soldier. The contributions of Sgt. Keith were significant and he was very deserving [of the honor]. It takes a little more work to [accomplish this] overseas, but he merited the dedication," he said.



Capt. Jeffrey Toczylowski salutes while 'Taps' is played during the July 28 memorial for Master Sgt. Christopher J. Keith.

Fund established for Keith Family

The 1st Battalion, 10th Special Forces Group (Airborne) Family Readiness Group has established a fund to provide financial support for the family of Master Sgt. Christopher J. Keith.

For more information about the Keith Family Fund, 1-10 SFG Family Readiness Group, contact Family Readiness Coordinator Sandra Takaki at 431-2352/87/civ. 07031-15-2769/87

For more information about estate planning and other family matters, contact the 6th Area Support Group Legal Assistance Office at 421-4152/civ. 0711-719-4152

EUCOM turns 53

From Cold War to Enduring Freedom, command crucial to nation's defense

By Dr. James McNaughton
U.S. European Command
History Office

U.S. European Command – which turned 53 this month – was born early in the Cold War, during a time of unprecedented crisis. The command's mission has changed with the times – but its essential mandate to guarantee the security of America and its allies in this vital part of the world has remained constant.

In the early 1950s, America and its allies were fighting a “hot” war in Korea. But America's leaders knew the key to world stability was Western Europe, where the Soviet Union was threatening the continent with large armies and atomic weapons.

At home the fragile democracies also felt threatened by instability, as the ideology of communism made alarming inroads among populations still recovering from the devastation of two world wars in less than a generation.

In response, America and other western governments cooperated in defense and economic development, establishing the NATO in 1949. In 1951 they formed the Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe. Army Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower was called from retirement to become the first Supreme Allied Commander Europe, similar to the position he had held during World War II.

America stiffened the alliance with massive reinforcements. The U.S. Air Forces in Europe grew from three groups with 35,000 members to eleven wings with 136,000 members. B-29 bombers capable of delivering atomic weapons were stationed at airfields in the United Kingdom. Offshore, the U.S. Navy's Sixth Fleet doubled to more than forty warships in the Mediterranean.

The U.S. Army committed two corps and five divisions — including two mobilized from the National Guard — under a new field army, Seventh Army, which activated on Stuttgart's Patch Barracks in November 1950. Two years later, the 10th Special Forces Group was activated on Fort Bragg, N.C., for missions behind the Iron Curtain. The unit deployed to Bad Tölz, Germany, in 1953.

Congress supported these actions by resuming selective service and passing appropriations for airfields, barracks, family housing and logistical facilities.

The response in Western Europe was much more muted. Allied governments argued over German rearmament and discussed forming a unified European army in lieu of separate national armies. But this initiative came to nothing, and the allies failed to provide promised troop levels to NATO.

In the midst of the growing American troop presence and stalled alliance politics, Eisenhower realized he needed a national headquarters for U.S. military forces that could act in support of but separate from the NATO command system. The Joint Staff approved his concept in May 1952.

It fell to Eisenhower's successor, Army Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway, to establish the new command Aug. 1, 1952. Ridgway had commanded the 82nd Airborne Division and XVIII Airborne Corps in World War II and Eighth Army and the Far East Command in the Korean War.

In the summer of 1952, Ridgway activated U.S. European Command headquarters in the I.G. Farben Building in Frankfurt, Germany. The Army component previously known as U.S. European Command was renamed U.S. Army, Europe.

In 1954 Ridgway moved his headquarters into new facilities at Camp de Loges — outside Paris and close to Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe and its new headquarters complex in Rocquencourt. The command headquarters would remain in France until 1966, when French President Charles De Gaulle requested the withdrawal of NATO and U.S. forces from the nation.

The search for new quarters resulted in Seventh U.S. Army moving from Patch Barracks in Stuttgart-Vaihingen, Germany, and relocating with U.S. Army, Europe in Heidelberg, Germany. U.S. European Command then moved to its current home on Patch Barracks March 15, 1967.

Ridgway's primary responsibility was as Supreme Allied Commander. He delegated authority for U.S. forces to a deputy commander-in-chief, “consulting me only on matters of fundamental policy and critical problems.” The first deputy was Army Gen. Thomas T. Handy, commander of U.S. Army, Europe.

From its creation, EUCOM has proved to be a versatile and effective instrument of national policy in regions that remain critical to America's security.

McNaughton is the EUCOM historian.



courtesy EUCOM History Office

Formed when Patch Barracks – and much of the rest of Europe – still bore the scars of World War II, EUCOM remains a vital presence in the 21st century.



Eisenhower



Ridgway



Ridgway



Toney Hemmingway prepares a plate in the U.S. European Command Commander's Mess.

EUCOM ‘mess’ meets command's culinary mandate

Story & photo by Amanda Baier

U.S. European Command Public Affairs Office

The U.S. European Command headquarters building is the nerve center of a unified combatant command with an area of responsibility that covers 21 million square miles and contains 91 nations.

It's also a great place to get a memorable meal.

Individuals who enter the headquarters building around noon when delegates are visiting may think that a feast is being prepared nearby.

The delicious aromas are likely wafting from the Commanders Mess, where a staff of five service members and civilians prepare meals that are sure to impress visitors and leave a lasting positive impression of their stay in Stuttgart.

The main purpose of the mess is to accommodate Gen. Charles Wald, EUCOM deputy commander, with formal meals, daily breakfast and lunch, and catering for delegates.

The Commanders Mess staff is able to accommodate any dietary restrictions and can prepare a gourmet meal based on any specifications.

Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Marcus Broaden, a culinary specialist, has served as head of the mess since 2004.

His staff consists of Air Force Staff Sgt. Wes Williams, Army 1st Sgt. James Duhart, and civilians Toney Hemmingway and Gary Coleman.

The team starts cooking at 6 a.m. most days and stays as late as needed to meet the general's needs.

A few of the staff's more popular meals feature venison, lamb chops, grilled salmon and tenderloins.

Their also includes desserts such as tarts, crêpes, cheesecakes, and mousse. Broaden also creates customized cakes.

The staff even takes meal ideas from the cover of gourmet magazines. “Our meals are wide open,” Broaden said. “We are very broad with our creative thinking.”

The staff prepares an average of 35 daily specials, which vary from meals such as sirloin beef tips to “Chef Toney's Lasagna” served with two sides.

The regular menu consists of fast food and healthy choice items including Philly steak sandwiches, cheeseburger with fries, gourmet salads and chicken Caesar wraps.

The Commanders Mess – which is restricted to officers of the rank O-6 and above – has a “feel at home” atmosphere where an “intimate feeling with the customers” is apparent, Broaden said.

“Customers are family too,” Williams said, “and that is exactly how they are treated.”

Garmisch celebrates National Kids Day

Annual event emphasizes sharing 'meaningful time' with youth

Story & photos by Drew Benson
6th ASG MWR Marketing

Garmisch's younger residents got their day in the sun Aug. 5, when the community gathered at the School Age Services Center on Artillery Kaserne to celebrate National Kids Day.

Coordinated by the area's Camp Adventure staff, the celebration was a carnival-like affair featuring games, relays, a barbecue and even a huge jumping castle.

The event was the culmination of a summer's worth of planning by a team of 5 Camp Adventure staff members – Forest Hoff, Michelle Harrison, Maggie Tarr, Renee' Good and Michael Glanz.

With a theme "Fun and Fitness," the celebration kept children moving from station to station, where they completed fitness activities and competed in games in order to earn chances for a truly grand prize: the opportunity to throw a pie into the face of a camp counselor. (Talk about motivation!)

Other events included a song- and skit-filled show courtesy of the Camp Adventure staff, a cracker-eating contest, balloon sculptures, a costume competition and delicious (and healthy) snacks.

Celebrating with a purpose

National Kids Day is an effort by the Boys and Girls Clubs of America, The National Center for Kids Overcoming Crisis, and other youth-oriented organizations dedicated to developing meaningful relationships between caring adults and young people.

For more information about the celebration and its sponsoring organizations visit www.kidsday.net, www.bgca.org or www.kidspeace.org.



One of the traditional highlights of Garmisch's National Kids Day celebrations is the opportunity for selected guests of honor to plunge a pie into the face of a Camp Adventure counselor. The 2005 event was Garmisch's third annual observance of the kid-centric celebration.

Marshall Center conference promotes international unity in fight against terror

George C. Marshall Center Release

Fifty participants from 21 nations met in Garmisch July 19 to 22 for a terrorism-related conference hosted by the George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies.

Retired Maj. Gen. Michael McCarthy, the center's deputy director, opened the "NATO and EU's Strategies Against Terrorism" conference by addressing the personal nature of the fight against terrorism.

"In my view it's a war on my family, it's a war on my nation, it's a war on my children," McCarthy said. "This is a very serious, serious problem and democratic societies are extremely vulnerable."

The conference's keynote speaker was Rear Admiral Hamlin B. Tallent, director of U.S. European Command's European Plans and Operations Center. Hamlin challenged to reevaluate common assumptions about terrorism.

"If you think about the war on terror and you think about Iraq, I think you think wrong," Tallent said. "This isn't something guys in uniforms fight. The war on terror is much more complex than that, much more far-reaching than that."

The key to success, Tallent said, was that participants in the four-day conference understand the nature of the war on terror and were honest with themselves and each other about their role in it.

"There is no 'they,'" he said. "You are as critical to this as anybody else you know. Nobody else is going to fix this. It's going to have to be us."

Tallent described EUCOM's efforts as directed at the protection of the United States, its allies and its interests. With this mandate, he noted, cooperation is crucial.

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George C. Marshall Center

"This requires us to define terrorism not just in light of [Sept. 11]. This requires us to define terrorism in light of what you, as a partner to us, think it is," he said.

"The strategy that EUCOM is developing is to not be crisis motivated, but to be preventative," Tallent said.

Beginning to find preventative solutions was one of the key challenges facing conference participants, said conference moderator Nick Pratt, director of the Marshall Center's Program on Terrorism and Security Studies.

"As posters across London read on July 8, 'London is open for business,'" Pratt said. "We need to take some inspiration from our British colleagues. We, too, need to be open for business as well during this week."

For more information visit www.marshallcenter.org.

News & Notes

Official Mail changes hours

Garmisch's Official Mail and Distribution Center will operate under revised hours on the following dates:

- Aug. 19 – 8 a.m. to noon
- Aug. 22 – noon to 3:30 p.m.
- Aug. 26 – 8 a.m. to noon.

Travel with the Burke Center

The Pete Burke Center is accepting reservations for the following holiday weekend trips:

- Columbus Day Weekend – Renaissance Italy
- Veteran's Day Weekend – Amsterdam
- Thanksgiving Weekend – Berlin.

The center is also sponsoring the following one-day adventures a bit closer to home:

- Bicycle Loop "Around the Zugspitze" – Aug. 21
- Bike to the Bier in Andechs Monastery – Sept. 24
- Nazi Gold Tour – Sept. 25
- Iceman in Bolzano – Oct. 1

For more information about these and other Burke Center activities call 440-2461/civ. 08821-750-2461.

Ski passes on sale

Ski passes will be sold in the Community Bank on Artillery Kaserne on the following four Thursdays: Aug. 18, Sept. 15, Oct. 13 and Nov. 3 – but note that those who wait until October or November will almost certainly miss opening day of the ski season.

After the final sale day in November there will be no more passes sold through the Burke Lodge. Passes are available in three age groups: Children (6-15), Youths (16, 17 & 18 years) and Adults (anyone over 18)

For more information call 440-2461/civ. 08821-750-2461 or e-mail paul.dutro@garmisch.army.mil.

Yoga on Artillery Kaserne

Angelika – a fully certified instructor who also teaches at the Volkshochschule in Garmisch – is ready to resume classes Wednesdays from 5:45 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.

The classes will cost \$42.50 for six consecutive sessions or \$8.50 per class.

For more information call 440-2461/civ. 08821-750-2461 or e-mail jessica.roberson@garmisch.army.mil.

National Night Out 2005

Stuttgart, Garmisch join efforts to celebrate community safety



A Garmisch child participates in a CPR demonstration given by National Ski Patrol Member Mark Jarvis.



Desmond Thompspon, who volunteered at the child identification booth, takes the fingerprints of 7-year-old Nick McFadden. Thompson then explained how to complete the other steps of the Ident-a-Kit package to include taking a current photograph and collecting a DNA sample.



The son of a German Polizei officer shows his support for Dad's profession during Stuttgart's National Night Out event Aug. 6.



[Above] SSG Thomas Thomas Prim, portraying a "suspect", remained protected wearing the bite suit as military working dog, Matsy, took a bite out of crime.

[Left] AGarmisch child says "ahhhh" while a volunteer uses a cotton swab to collect a DNA sample to include in an Ident-A-Kit.

By Terri Alejandro

The residents, law enforcement agencies and community groups of Stuttgart and Garmisch joined 10,000 communities from all 50 states, U.S. territories Canadian cities and military bases worldwide to mark the 22nd Annual National Night Out.

Stuttgart celebrated it's 3rd year in promoting police-community partnerships and educating on drug, crime and violence prevention while increasing neighborhood camaraderie.

Garmisch, hosting its first National Night Out event, joined the ever-increasing network of communities uniting forces to heighten awareness and strengthen participation in local anti-crime efforts.

A community celebration

NNO is truly a community-wide event combining the efforts of the Provost Marshal's Office, host-nation police and fire departments, and SNAP volunteers with generous donations from AAFES, DeCa, MWR, Spouses Clubs and Burger King.

"The goal is to build harmony and working relationships between the community, and local police and fire departments," said Provost Marshal Operations Sergeant, Ernie Von Reichenbach.

Both events drew hundreds of community members who took the opportunity – or excuse – to get out and meet and greet their neighbors while enjoying an afternoon of food, fun and games.

The value of knowing one's neighbors is important to the success of any community crime watch program. As Garmisch SNAP coordinator Debbie Manning pointed out, "If you know your neighbors then you can observe when something appears out of the ordinary."

Volunteers make a difference

Community participation played a major role in the success of the events by providing manpower for everything from set-up and tear-down to participating various demonstrations and manning the activity booths.

"Volunteers make events like this possible" said Provost Marshal Maj. Anthony Black, giving special thanks to, Stuttgart's SNAP coordinator, Earnest Epps "for taking the lead in organizing this year's event and making it a success."

Both Stuttgart and Garmisch's events featured interactive and hands-on activities. Children participated in a "Whodunit" crime scene game which involved observing clues, looking among the crowd and guessing the correct suspect.

Other safety-themed displays included a "Stranger Danger" theatrical skit, by father and daughter team Steven and Kaelt Simpson, and a CPR demonstration given by Mark Jarvis of the National Ski Patrol.

Several fire and rescue vehicles, including a ladder truck, were on hand to be explored and, yes – lights and sirens were running much to the delight of the youngsters sitting in the vehicles.

Always a big hit, the 554th Military Police company's military working dogs and their handlers showed their stuff with an exciting live demonstration.

Staff Sgt. Stephen Lockhart explained that each working dog has a speciality, as he narrated the two scenarios which put the dogs through their paces.

John, a German Shephard, and veteran working dog at eleven years old, showed his skill at narcotics detection by quickly zeroing in on marijuana-scented cloth hidden by an audience member.

Working with Staff Sgt. John McClintock, Matsy, an explosive detecting German shephard practiced "controlled aggression" which showed how effective a dog and handler team can be subduing a fleeing or hostile suspect.

The exhibition drew a large audience and included a question and answer session afterwards with Lockhart patiently answering numerous questions about the dogs and their training procedures.

Manning the grill at the Stuttgart event was a full-time job shared by many and the serving line proceeded smoothly as PMO and 554th volunteers cooked hamburgers and hot dogs, eventually feeding more than 250 people.

"A big thanks to AAFES and DeCa for providing over \$1000 in food and beverages for this event," said Staff Sgt. Mike Dodson, a NNO veteran participant. The organizations also provided the

National Night Out: Just the Facts

- National Night Out was created by the National Association of Town Watch, a nonprofit, crime prevention organization which works in cooperation with thousands of crime watch groups and law enforcement agencies throughout the country.

- Since 1981, NATW has been dedicated to the development, growth and maintenance of organized crime and drug prevention programs nationwide.

- NATW's network has grown to include more than 6,000 crime, drug and violence prevention organizations.

- The National Night Out effort was designed to achieve the following objectives:

- (1) Heighten crime, drug and violence prevention awareness.
- (2) Generate support for, and participation in, local anticrime programs.
- (3) Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships.
- (4) Send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

- Four hundred communities in 23 states participated in the first National Night Out. Nationwide, 2.5 million Americans took part.

- The 2005 National Night Out campaign was observed by citizens, law enforcement agencies, community groups, businesses and local officials in more than 10,000 communities from all 50 states, U.S. territories, Canadian cities and military bases worldwide.

- More than 34 million people were expected to participate in "America's Night Out Against Crime" this year.

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Master Sgt. Ernest Von Reichenbach
*6th Area Support Group
Provost Marshal's Office*

cake and ice cream, enjoyed by attendees in the Garmisch community.

Keeping kids safe

Between bouncy castles and barbeque, however, valuable safety and prevention information was made available. Over a hundred children were provided with "Ident-A-Kid". The kits include materials to record the child's fingerprints, a swab to gather DNA and a folder to maintain the information, including a current photograph. Parents maintaining this information can greatly aid law enforcement officials in the event of a missing child or abduction.

Booths offered information on drug and alcohol abuse prevention and how to get involved in the SNAP volunteer program. Nationwide, attendance at NNO events continues to grow steadily each year. The same holds true locally with the event growing larger and offering more each year.

"We had a great turnout, the people of our community had fun and learned about crime prevention and safety, and that's what it's all about" Epps said. Epps, who is tireless in recruiting SNAP volunteers, leads the community watch efforts that help keep the families and property of 6th ASG's residents safe and secure.

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Repair facility gets Strykers back in the battle

Qatar-based battalion saves money, supports readiness

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The Army's Stryker combat vehicles are back in the fight now that the first Stryker repair facility is operating in Qatar.

The new facility is run by General Dynamics Land Systems under direction of the Army Materiel Command's Army Field Support Battalion-Qatar.

Repairing the Stryker is a challenge because each vehicle has unique battle damage, said Mike Manzara, General Dynamics's acting site supervisor.

Engineers must first assess structural damage to determine if the vehicle is repairable at all, or to be used for parts. Specific parts must be ordered from North America. During transit time, damaged parts are removed and the vehicle is prepped to receive whatever is necessary for full mission capability. Strykers cost more than \$1 million each.

"The positive aspect about this program is that you've got 25 vehicles that were basically written off and the reports of survey have been done. It's almost like they don't exist," said Lt. Col. Jon Buonerba, commander of the AFSB-Qatar.

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"If we can repair these and get them back in the fight, we'll save the Army lots of money and help sustain the operational readiness of the Stryker force," he said.

Qatar was chosen for the site because of its close proximity to air and sea ports, a large industrial base and equipment in place at the field support battalion.

"I know that we have the facilities and a great work force to make Strykers new again," Buonerba said. "It's a good feeling to be able to say that we fixed it, got it to standard and shipped it north — as long as it saves one Soldier's life, it's worth it."



Charles Sprague (Army News Service)

General Dynamics workers at the Army's first Stryker repair facility in Qatar prepare one of the combat vehicles for final testing prior to re-deployment in Iraq. This Stryker, which is equipped with add-on slat armor to help shield it from direct fire weapons, is one of a number of vehicles that are returning to service thanks to the efforts underway in the new facility.

Virtual training prepares Soldiers for convoy duty

By Monica Barrera
Army News Service

The Army has fielded 125 simulation trainers for the detection of improvised explosive devices and other advanced skills needed for tactical convoys in Iraq and Afghanistan.

These training devices include virtual theaters, simulators, and mobile objects devised by the Program Executive Office for Simulation, Training and Instrumentation.

After receiving feedback from Soldiers, STRI is now producing the next 600 simulators. There are 200,000 to 250,000 troops participating in the training or involved in training fellow Soldiers on the current 125 located from Fort Bragg, N.C., to Afghanistan.

IED simulators provide an asymmetric environment, said Dr. Jim Blake, Program Executive Officer for STRI "There is this complexity you have to deal with," he said, "to prosecute the war on many fronts."

The leading cause of casualties in Iraq is IEDs. The simulations training will help Soldiers identify, handle, and dispose of the explosives safely, Blake said.

The training has been well received by Soldiers worldwide. "[Soldiers] can gain an understanding of how our adversary may construct [and IED] and how one might be hidden," Blake said.

Soldiers are immersed into a virtual environment when training on the Virtual Combat Convoy Trainer.

According to a report by Sara Delk-Tierney of the Lockheed Martin Simulation, Training, and Support Center (which works with PEO STRI) "The training scenarios immerse Soldiers into a variety of real-life situations ... thus providing the Soldier and convoy leaders with the skills necessary to save lives."

More than 318,964 training devices for Soldiers are currently operating at 414 worldwide stations and 20 foreign countries.

"The Acquisition community is leaning forward to help the Soldiers," said Blake. "If there's a way to get it there, we'll get it there."

For more about PEO visit <https://peosoldier.army.mil>.



courtesy U.S. Army

Capt. Sara Kierpiec of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 42nd Military Police Brigade, listens as an Iraqi member of her small group shares his ideas on the important traits of leaders during a joint U.S.-Iraqi conference July 23 in Baghdad.

U.S. MPs, Iraqi police conduct leadership seminar in Baghdad

By Pfc. Laura M Bigenho
Army News Service

U.S. Army and Iraqi police officers conducted the first joint leadership seminar at Baghdad Police Headquarters July 23.

Military Police from Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 42nd Military Police Brigade, and two dozen members of the Iraqi police force attended the seminar, titled "Police Leadership in an Insurgency Environment."

Although Iraqi police leaders have been making progress, Col. Richard Swengros, 42nd MP Brigade commander, and Gen. Razzaq, Baghdad police chief, felt the Iraqi leadership would benefit from further training.

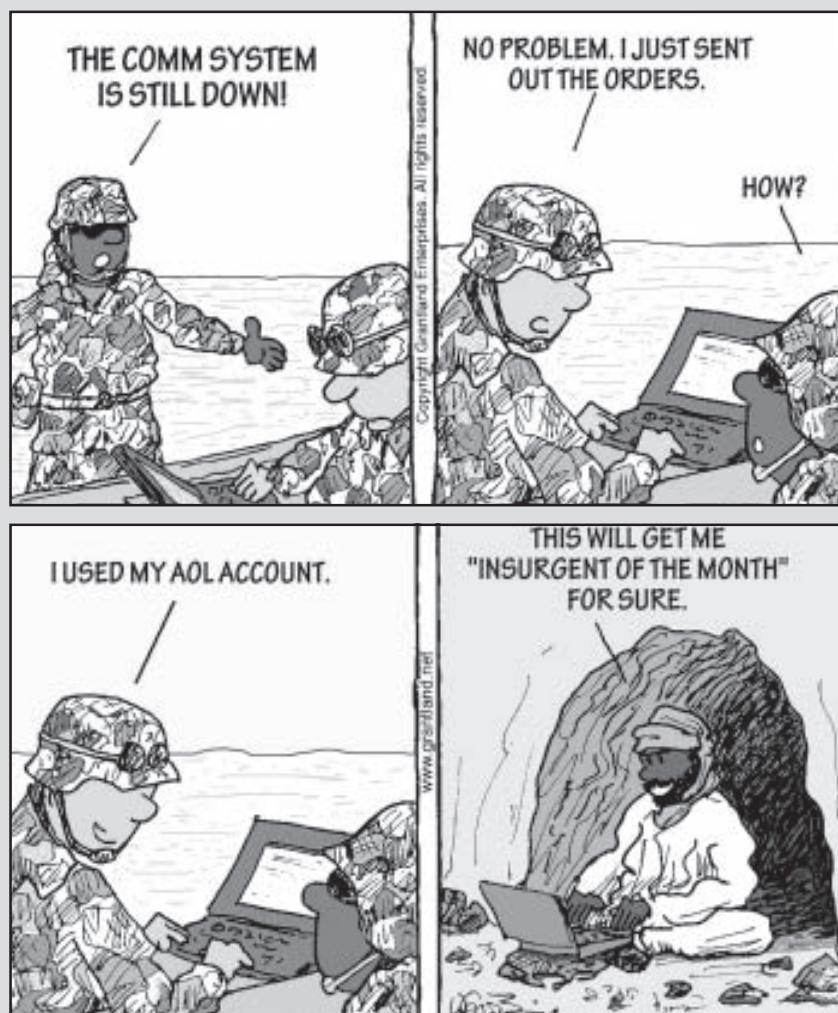
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"I am very happy for the joint effort and coordination between me and Col. Swengros," Razzaq said. "Through this seminar we have gained new knowledge about leadership."

The seminar was the first in a series to help the Iraqis strengthen and develop their security forces.



No laughing matter

New comic emphasizes online OPSEC

By Monica Barrera
Army News Service

The Army Office of Information Assurance and Compliance is turning to the comics page to help educate Soldiers about the importance maintaining operational security when online.

Identity theft is becoming one of the fastest growing crimes in the United States, with nearly seven million people victimize in 2003 (according to research conducted by Gartner Research and Harris Interactive). In a military environment, similar thefts can put entire missions at risk.

"The challenge is that Soldiers need to ask themselves, 'What do I have to lose?'" said Ted Dmuchowski, the project lead for information assurance and compliance. "And in the military, there is a lot to lose, especially when sensitive information is made available to the public."

For example, Dmuchowski said, anyone can monitor a Soldier as he or she plans convoy operations. With information such as times and locations, "if they wanted to do harm, they know where to find them," he said.

The importance of updating and making difficult passwords is also of concern to the IA Office. One of the cartoons printed in the IA compliance message illustrates the importance of keeping passwords secret.

"We need to be knowledgeable so we can take the appropriate steps,"

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Ted Dmuchowski
Office of Information Assurance and Compliance

Dmuchowski said.

The cartoons, which will be posted on the ARNEWS Web site and in other Army publications worldwide, will focus on key topics not necessarily related to current events so that they can be used in training materials.

"The Army has the widest cross-section of America," Dmuchowski said, who explained that Soldiers and civilian personnel have varied levels of education and perceptions of technology.

The cartoons will serve as a medium for understanding the downside of technology and how to defend oneself in an ever changing technological world.

"The focus is to make Soldiers smarter about securing their computer environment," Dmuchowski said.

For more information visit www.army.mil/arnews.

Wake up!

Sleepy service members threaten mission

By Capt. Justin Curry
U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine

Like food, water, and air, sleep is a necessity. When individuals don't get enough sleep, performance suffers – and in the military, this may result in others being put at risk.

The following are just a few of the many problems that may result from sleep deprivation:

- Falling asleep at the wheel causing a vehicle roll-over
- Administering the wrong medicine or the wrong dose
- Failing to recognize a threat or reacting too slowly to it
- Transposing digits while entering coordinates into a fire-control system

The bottom line: A sleep-deprived service member may make bad tactical decisions, which can get people killed.

Effects on performance

In general, a person can sustain normal performance without noticeable impairment for about 16 hours after waking up.

After being awake for this long, though, a person's performance begins to there is a noticeable decrease in performance. After 24 hours, the person's reaction time is worse than it would be if her or she were legally intoxicated.

After 28 hours without sleep, performance becomes significantly impaired – with the likelihood of critical errors rising to an unacceptable level.

Managing sleep

To sustain performance over the long haul, individuals need at least 6 – and preferably 7 to 8 hours of sleep in ever 24-hour period.

Getting 4 to 6 hours of sleep every 24 hours will keep a person in the "amber zone" (where the risk of mission-critical errors is increased, but still at acceptable levels) for periods of up to several weeks.

Getting less than 4 hours of sleep will place a person in the "red zone" (where the risk for mission-critical errors is unacceptably high).

Though uninterrupted sleep is ideal, even shorter sleep periods that add up to 6 to 8 hours per day can be adequate.

The following tips can help an individual manage his or her sleep – especially in deployed locations or other high-traffic situations:

- Don't sleep in areas where there is regular activity.
- Minimize exposure to noise and light – for example wear ear plugs or use blackout shades.
- Avoid over-the-counter sleep aids, which cause grogginess, not actual sleep.
- Sleep whenever possible – even a little sleep is better than none. Several "catnaps" can add up quickly.

If instances when sleep loss can't be avoided, caffeine can help offset the effects in the short term if an individual drinks the equivalent of two cups of coffee (about 200 milligrams of caffeine) every 2 to 4 hours. However, no one can forestall the effects of sleep deprivation forever.

Remember: Sleep is a necessity

Your performance begins to suffer as soon as you start losing sleep – and if you are struggling to stay awake, then your ability to function is already impaired.



file photo

In some professions, being sleepy on the job may result in nothing more than a reprimand from your boss (and perhaps some funny lines on your face). But in the military, a sleep-deprived person's diminished capacity to perform can put people at risk.

For more information about issues related to safety call the 6th Area Support Group Safety Office at 421-2752/civ. 0711-729-2752 or e-mail hans.t.dreizler@us.army.mil

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Serving where the need is

Local Red Cross employees deploy to Iraq

By Mildred Green

Much like the U.S. service members they support, the men and women of the American Red Cross stand ready to serve wherever they are needed. This means that they often deploy to distant lands and must call on reserve personnel to help fill the crucial voids these deployments create in the communities to which they are assigned.

Members of the Red Cross's office on Panzer Kaserne are not exempt from this commitment to the mission – and many have served in Bahrain, Bosnia, Kosovo, Turkey and Iraq.

For example, Stuttgart's Senior Station Manager Kathleen Butler recently deployed to Tikrit, Iraq, for five months.

In Iraq, Butler worked with two other ARC employees to provide emergency communication support for the northern Iraq region.

The three employees staffed Tikrit's Red Cross office 24 hours a day, seven days a week, with each person working 10- to 12-hour shifts.

A rewarding experience

Butler, who has worked for the American Red Cross 23 years, described her time in Tikrit as "some of the most satisfying work in my life."

Though the nature of her job often required her to relay difficult information to service members about their families back home, Butler said, "it is the most rewarding experience to be able to help someone understand what's going on in their family."

Often, she said, service members visited the Red Cross office just to talk. She said she believed that being able to talk to someone outside their units and organizations made the service members look at the Red Cross office as an "oasis away from the military."

Dancing in Tikrit

On her time off – or as Butler described it, when she was "not working or dodging mortars" – Butler engaged in a truly unique activity for a war zone: She taught country western dancing.

Butler said that not only did she enjoy giving the lessons but she also believed the service members found a value in the opportunity to focus on something decidedly less serious than what they faced while on duty.

The majority of the people who attended the lessons worked in high-stress jobs, she said. "This was a place they could [relax] and just laugh."

Reflecting on Tikrit from the relative comfort and safety of her Panzer office, Butler said she often thinks about the people she became friends with during her deployment.

"Part of my heart is still there," she said. "You [and the service members] become close ... you become part of the family. The friendships you develop while deployed are un-

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Kathleen Butler
American Red Cross

like any other type of friendship."

Support makes it possible

The reserve personnel are the ones who make it possible for station managers to deploy, Butler said.

"The reservists help keep the programs running so that the community doesn't notice [the difference in service]," she said.

The reserve personnel consists staff of volunteers who usually become activated when a station manager is deployed. Reserves typically work for six months, then revert to "on call" or reserve status.

They gain experience to be able to manage casework, computer systems, volunteer programs, fundraising, health and safety services, and accounting.

Stuttgart's ARC station is staffed with two reserves, Heather Haiss and Cindy Reuter-Kiesewetter.

Commitment & compassion

While the Stuttgart ARC office normally has a deployable senior station manager and two deployable assistant station managers, both assistant station manager positions are currently open for recruitment. Because of this staffing challenge, Haiss has been working full time for two years.

Teamwork has proved to be an essential component in order to provide the community with the best support, Haiss said. "We are a team and all work together," said Haiss. "We take care of each other."

Unlike most private corporations, she said, the ARC's priority is to meet the needs of people instead of meeting the needs of a bottom line.

This commitment to others is also evident in Stuttgart's other reserve, as Reuter-Kiesewetter was recently recognized for 15 years of service in Stuttgart.

During that time period, Reuter-Kiesewetter worked her way up from a secretary to a reserve. She said she has always taken pleasure in the camaraderie and versatility at the sta-



photos courtesy Kathleen Butler



[Above] A beautiful sunset illuminates the evening sky near Tikrit, Iraq.

[Below] Stuttgart's Kathleen Butler, center, and two other Red Cross personnel in Tikrit.

tion. Overall, Reuter-Kiesewetter said that working for the ARC has been an enjoyment. "I have much respect for the organization and what it stands for."

Essential volunteer services

Though the Stuttgart ARC's primary purpose is emergency communication, the office also has volunteers who work with a number of area agencies and organizations.

For example, ARC volunteers work at the Stuttgart Army Health Clinic on Patch, as instructors for the ARC's health and safety courses, and as caseworkers.

As part of the Stuttgart after-hours program, two team leaders and six emergency communications specialists alternate schedules working after the normal duty hours, on weekends and on holidays.

The Stuttgart ARC office is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

For more information call 431-2818/civ. 07031-15-2818.

CYS fees to increase throughout Europe

By Christine Castro

Fees for Child and Youth Services programs and services will increase for families in Europe effective Sept. 1.

While U.S. military families in other parts of the world experienced CYS fee increases in both 2003 and 2004, those in Europe have been paying the same rates for the past three years, said 6th Area Support Group CYS Coordinator Suzanne King.

As the Department of Defense works to ensure that military families have access to the highest quality child care and related services, fees are adjusted annually

according to program needs and costs.

Meeting the need

A common misconception is that the total cost of CYS programs is paid by parents' fees, King said.

The reality is that only 50 percent of program costs are funded by parents' fees. The other half of the program costs is subsidized by U.S. taxpayers.

Parents' fees are primarily directed toward staff salaries and training for the personnel who work directly with the children, King said.

The fee increase was implemented in order to promote new recruits and the retention of qualified caregivers.

Fees for CYS programs are based on par-

ents' income. Some categories, King said, will not increase as much as others.

Discounts remain

Parents will still be able to benefit from the discounts they currently receive from the following programs, King said.

Those with children enrolled in School Age Services will continue to receive five hours of free service per month. The fees for the before- and after-school programs are already include the free five hours.

CYS also offers a 10-percent discount for each additional child enrolled in the program, of lesser cost, and children of volunteer coaches will continue to receive free enrollment in Youth Sports activities.

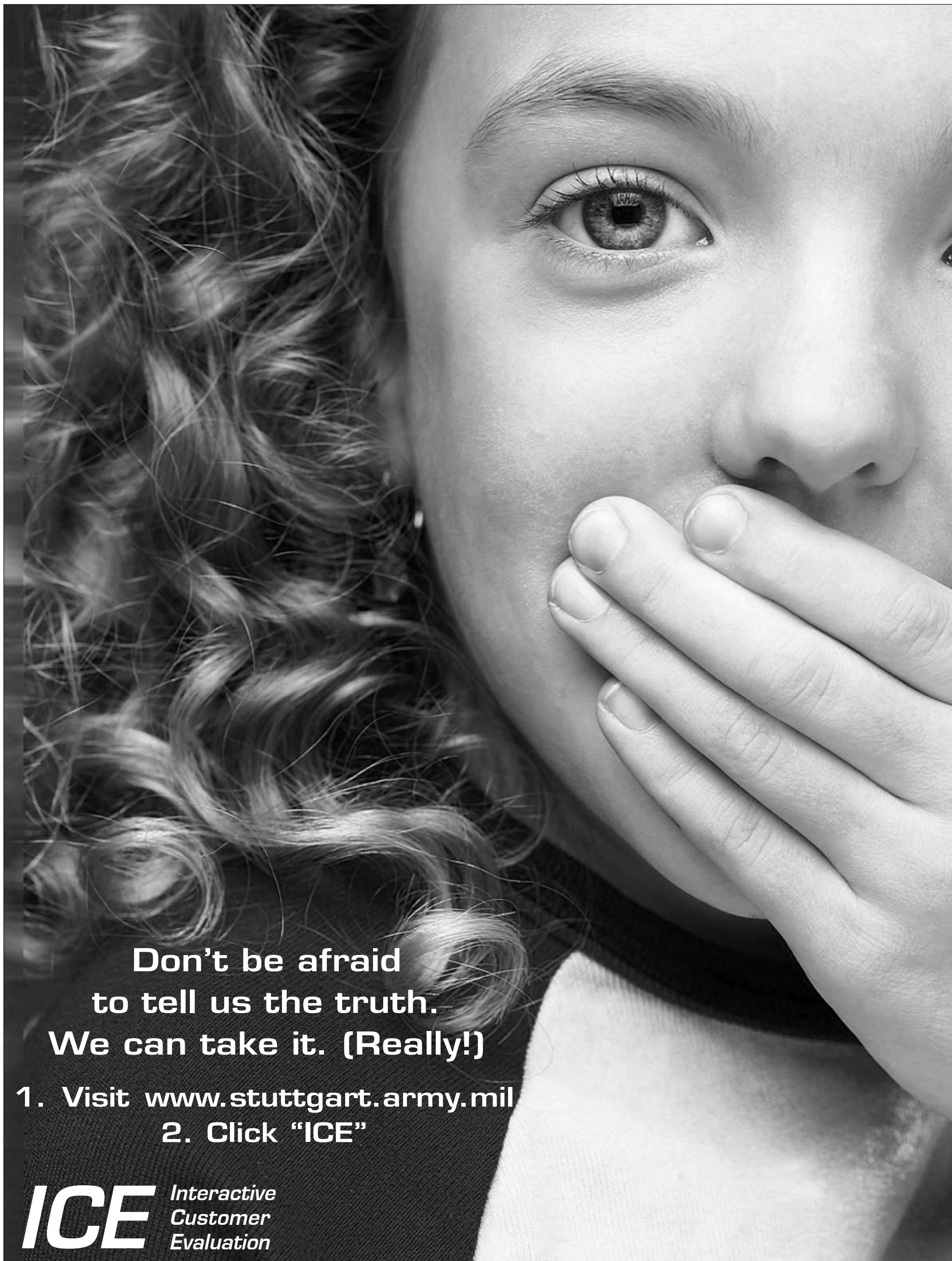
Re-registration

In order to determine the appropriate fees for each family, parents will need to supply CYS Central Enrollment Registration with an August Leave and Earnings statement by Sept. 30.

Those who are already in the level six category do not need to supply updated LESs. However, they still must visit the CER office to complete the paperwork needed to maintain registration in the program.

For more information about CYS fees see the Aug. 30 edition of The Citizen.

To contact CER call 430-7483/civ. 0711-680-7483.



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Mad about the American game

Stuttgart Scorpions showcase passion for 'other' football

Story & photos by Brandon Beach

Regardless of what you may have heard, not all football fans in Europe prefer the game in which players wear short pants and can't use their hands.

The Germans' passion for the American game was on display July 23 in Degerloch's Gazi Stadium, when the hometown Stuttgart Scorpions edged the Dresden Monarchs 37-35 in a white-knuckled interconference match.

The win ended a disappointing four-game losing skid for the Scorpions and renewed the team's hope of reaching the German Football League playoff finals.

Quarterback Patrick Fajfr had a stellar performance at the helm, stringing together two scoring drives in the game's opening minutes. A 38-yard pass to running back Marc Correll capped off the Scorpions early surge and ended the first quarter with a 21-7 lead.

The second quarter featured a jumpstarting of the Monarchs' offense, as quarterback Nick Forston tossed a 48-yard touchdown pass. That play shaved the Scorpions lead to 21-14 to close out the first half.

Backed by solid running performances from Correll and Tony Avella, the Scorpions extended their lead in the third quarter 34-21. The duo would combine for four of the Scorpions touchdown drives.

The game tilted in Dresden's direction in the fourth when Forston zeroed in on a Monarch receiver for a 74-yard bullseye. The Scorpions lost a step on offense down the stretch and coughed up the ball to the Monarchs with 5:50 remaining.

The tide turns

The Monarchs wasted little time finding the end zone. Running back Brandon Benson collided with three Scorpion defenders at the goal line and steamrolled his way to another touchdown to cap a 20-yard run and lift the Monarchs 35-34.

"After they took the lead, I thought, this would really be unbelievable if we lose this game," said defensive back Jeff Carpenter, one of four Americans who suit up for the Scorpions. "I was definitely biting my nails at the end."

Fajfr marched the offense to the Monarch 22-yard line with 2 minutes remaining. Slapped with a 5-yard penalty and faced with 3rd and 12, Fajfr took the snap and rolled out to the right, evading several defenders before picking out a wide-open Correll in the back field with a perfect strike right on the numbers. The ball hit Correll in the hands but bounced off the turf, leaving the Scorpions with a critical field goal attempt.

Moments later kicker Sascha Wurster split the cross bars with a 30-yard field goal blast, and the Scorpions regained the lead 37-35.

With less than a minute to play, Forston quickly mobilized his offense and connected with three Monarch receivers. Poor tackling by the Scorpion defense increased the tension in the stadium.



With a wall of blockers working to protect him, Stuttgart quarterback Patrick Fajfr attempts to turn the corner against a swarming Dresden defense during the Scorpion's 37-35 victory over the Monarchs.

Forston finished the drive with a 6-yard run out of bounds to stop the clock and set up a game-deciding 22-yard field goal attempt. With seconds remaining, the Monarch kicker banged the ball with a dead-on boot that appeared destined to seize gridiron glory. Carpenter said, "The kick was right over the top of the goal post. I thought it was a good kick."

The 1,020 fans in attendance seemed to think the same thing, as they sat in silence until the stadium announcer cried, "Der Kick ist vorbei!"

The resultant roar ensured that even the English-speakers in the crowd knew that the Scorpions had emerged victorious.

A big win

The win arrived at the start of a month-long stretch that takes the Scorpions on the road for four league games. The team hopes to capitalize on the renewed momentum and seize a spot in the upcoming GFL playoffs and the chance to play in the German Bowl XXVII Oct. 8 in Hannover's AWD-Arena.

"Defensively, we blew many assignments and gave up three easy scores," Carpenter said. "But offensively, it was a big game for us."

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Scorpion running back Tony Avella attempts to shed a Dresden defender July 23 in Degerloch.

Member of military community helps spark Scorpions

Story & photo by Brandon Beach

When one of the most intense players in the Stuttgart Scorpions defensive backfield isn't pummeling opposing ballcarriers, he is spending time in a decidedly more nurturing environment: as a child care professional with the U.S. military.

A well-traveled and seasoned defensive back, Jeff Carpenter is a player-coach with the Scorpions and the director of the Kelley Barracks Youth Services.

Nine weeks ago, his schedule got even busier, as his wife gave birth to the couple's third child, a daughter named Iliana.

The multiple roles each pose unique challenges, but Carpenter said he expects

to be hitting the field for at least one more season before he retires from a sport that he has played most of his life.

More than anything, he said, he would like to win the coveted German Bowl and earn the rank of "Deutscher Meister."

"As long as I'm still healthy and productive on the field, I'll keep playing."

A storied career

Carpenter began his football career at Lenoir-Rhyne College, N.C. where he studied psychology and sociology and led the defense with 18 interceptions during his four-year career.

He signed as a free agent with the Minnesota Vikings in 1993. Three weeks into training camp, though, he suffered a severe hamstring tear that ended his chances of play-

ing in the National Football League.


Defensive cornerstone

In 2000, Carpenter joined the Stuttgart Scorpions because he "saw an opportunity to build a young promising team." Carpenter has been the cornerstone of the Scorpion defense. "As an American on the team, more is expected of you, and you're looked at to be a leader."

This year, the Scorpions celebrate 20 years of hard-hitting football in the GFL. "Most of the players have been with the team for 10 years or more," Carpenter said. "They really view the organization as a family."

Stuttgart's Jeff Carpenter closes in on a Dresden ballcarrier during a July 23 home contest in Degerloch.





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